



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Village of Armington is celebrating its 150th  
3 anniversary on September 17, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, The Armington Christian Church was built in 1829  
5 and celebrated its 175th anniversary in May of 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, Hezeciah Armington laid out the Village of  
7 Armington on August 17, 1855; the Village's first settlers were  
8 impressed with the luxuriant groves and rich soil in the area;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, On August 20, 1904, the Village was incorporated  
11 and on September 30, 1904, the election of trustees was held;  
12 the Village was quite the business town and was supported by  
13 the wealthy farming community; and

14 WHEREAS, The Village had the first school to have a  
15 cafeteria and offer a hot lunch program, and its school  
16 district was the first to have school buses; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1969, the Village had the first EMTs to  
18 transport victims to hospitals; the Village had a pig roast and  
19 raised enough money in one day to buy its first rescue truck;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Village of Armington's notable people have  
22 included Albert A. Oltmann, who was the Village water operator  
23 for more than 38 years; out of 1,830 community water supplies  
24 in Illinois, the Village of Armington was ranked number one in  
25 optimal levels of fluoridation; Lynn Gaddis was named Illinois  
26 Teacher of the Year; Judge John Turner was an Appellate Judge,  
27 State Representative, and Logan County Judge; Andy Davis was  
28 the founder of the Cave House; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Medberry  
29 attracted many visitors to their Medberry's Gardens, which

1 featured three and a half acres of rock gardens with a formal  
2 pool garden, perennial gardens, and spring gardens where 175  
3 varieties of iris bloomed in the early spring; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we honor and recognize the Village of Armington and its  
7 residents on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and express  
8 our sincerest best wishes for the future; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the Village of Armington as an expression of our  
11 admiration and esteem.